(91 C)

Previous references.

Legis 24-07-81
Legis 5-06-85 & 8-11

1909-10.
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Later references.

Legis 19-12-1
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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1-13.

Part B. for July/1912

SUBJECT.

Extending the provisions of the Mysore mines Regulations, 6, to the Railway premises between Bowringpet and Kubbam.

Kolar Police No 3678 dt 16-5-10
requests him to submit a statement ~~giving information regarding the commission~~ of offences committed in the Railway premises since 1906.
From the A.A. Resident. No 3678 dt 14-6-10.
Forwards a copy of "a letter dated 31-5-10 from the Secretary of the K.G.S. mining Board recommending the extension of the provisions of the Mysore mines Regulations 6 to the K.G.S. Railway between Bowringpet and Marikuppam and requests that the Resident may be favoured with the views of the Durbar on the subject.

DG of Police - No J-3478

[illegible] his opinion [illegible] Kolar District & the
[illegible] the opinion of the S.C. of the Republic & the Railway premises
[illegible] & to send the premises of the mines of the [illegible] between & [illegible]
from the same officer. No 6007/S 24 of 28-3-11.

Forwards his report on the proposal

To the D.A Resident. No Pol 1066 of 26/6/11.

Forwards a statement of cases of theft that occurred on the
Mysore and recommends that either the jurisdiction over
the Republic be extended to the Mysore or that the provisions
of the Mysore Republic be Extended over the line - preferably the
latter course.

From the D.A Resident. No 4856 of 15-8-11.

Informs that, for reasons stated therein, the Resident, while
not objecting to the Mysore and the Mining Board in
endeavouring to safeguard the mines from all possible risk of
theft is reluctantly of opinion that the measures now
proposed are open to serious objection & that the arrangements
of legislating on these lines has not been satisfactorily a

To the Secretary, K.G.F. Mining Board, Oorgaum. No J1063 of

Communicates the information in Sl. 6.

To the DG of Police and D.C. Kolar. Nos J1064 & 5 of 26-9-11

Forwards copy of the above.

Letter of 30-9-11 from the Secretary, K.G.F. Mining Boards, Oor
Acknowledges & with thanks.

To the DG of Police No J1399 of 11-11-11.

Enquires about the alleged dual police control in the
Mysore in the same office: No 3354/412 of 21-2-12

Forwards copy of [illegible] No 1710 of 6-2-12 from
reporting that there is no dual police control

Letter of 15/2/12 from John Taylor & Sons, Secy
forwards a representation for reconsidering the orig
proposition of the Mining Board for Extending the provisions
of the Mysore Mines Regulation to the K.G.F. Railway.

No Pol 988 dated 23rd May 1912 to the D.A Resident in Mysore.
informs him that there is no dual police control
in the K.G.F. Explaining [illegible] and forwards a copy of the
letter from Messrs John Taylor & Sons in the matter dated
9th March 1912,

No 3573 dated 25th June 1912 from the D.A Resident.
Acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the above letter

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(Legis)

NOTES.

File No. 34/1907-10

FILE HEADING.

Extending the provisions of the Mysore Mines Regn 1906 to the Railway Premises between ~~[illegible]~~ Bowringpet and Marikuppam. Vasara subject-No 408 of 1909

From

No.	Dated	Received

Diary No.	Enclos.	Spare Copies	Serial No.

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

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SUBJECT No. 408.

The Mysore Mines Regulation, 1906.

Mr. P. Bosworth Smith, Kolar Gold Fields Mining Board.

Summary of discussion.—The Mining Board anxiously awaits the special report called for by Government after two years' working of this Act, and trust that orders will soon be passed anent the extension of the Regulation to the railway premises between Bowringpet and Marikuppam.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

3. Sir W. The special report was duly received in 1909 and forwarded to the Residency who called for the same. Since then another report has been received ~~which~~ The question has been brought to notice here also. The review of this report is being examined and if necessary to consider this reference ~~and~~ separately I shall ~~write~~ write

3 Yes

2.4.10

Secy ~~to~~ The matter should be discussed & some decision arrived at. Please open a file & put up

4/4/10

12/4/10.

Secy 12/4

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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Submitted

The question of extending the provisions of the Mysore Mines Regn ~~to~~ to the Railway Premises was first brought up before the Govt by the K.G.F. Mining board in March 1907 (Vide ~~Sl~~ of Legis 5 of 06. After communicating with the Honble the Resident the D.C. Kolar was requested to inform the K.G.F. Mining Board that as the matter was one which involved a reference to and action by the Govt of India it would be more satisfactory if before they move the British Indian authorities the Durbar are in possession of the report as to the working of the Mines Regn which the Dy Commr and the S.Pl. of Police have been asked to submit after a lapse of 2 years from the date of introduction of the Regn (Vide Sl 11 of Legis 5 of 06 Flag R)

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This question again came up before (before the Dasara Rep: Assembly of 1907) as Subject No 317 Kolar Sl and the same reply was given Vide Legis 24 of 1907 Sl No 18.

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	The Sewan in his answers to the several Addresses presented to him on the occasion of the Dasara Rep: Assembly 1909 has stated as follows in this connection.
Fleg 11	"With reference to the extension of the Mines Regulations to the Railway between Bowringpet and Marikuppa the Durbar will be glad to support such a proposal; but you will understand that this is a measure entirely for the Honorable the British Resident to adopt, which, I dare say, he will see his way to do, if a good case be made out for the purpose."
	26/4/10 27/4/10
	6 - Please put up the file re Special report on the working of the Mines Regulation. There is some discussion there on the present subject.
	Legs 27/4/10.

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Submitted with Legis 7 of 1907, Legis 10 of 1908, and Legis 15 of 1909, in each one of which the subject has been discussed."

28/4/10 SW 29/4

Where is the file that should be included?

29/4/10

The decision of this question turns on the question whether the Govt of India are willing to give back to us the jurisdiction over the K. G. F. Railway. Perhaps we may address the Resr.

29/4/10

(Theft of gold &c. & receiving stolen property &c.)

See 7. How many offences in the Railway premises have occurred since 1906?

3/5/10

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Serial No.	
	Submitted W/ The reports on the working of the Mysore Mines Regn., 1906 submitted every year by the I. Gl. of Police does not give the information required. The I. Gl. of Police may therefore be asked to furnish the information required. Draft docket is herewith put up. SW 12/5/10 W. 22/5/10
1	No J 3478 dated 16/5/10 To the I. G. of Police Requests him to submit a statement giving the information referred to above
2	No 3678 dated 14/6/10 From the F. A. Resident in Mysore Forwards a copy of a letter dated 31/5/10 from the Secretary of the Kolar Gold Fields Mining Board, recommending the extension of the provisions of the Mysore Mines Regn to the Kolar Gold Fields Railway between Bowringpet and Marupuppam and to request that the Resident may be favoured with the views of the Durbar on the subject W. Submitted. The I. Gl. of Police has been asked

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to submit a report statement shewing the number of offences under the Mines Regn that have occurred on the Railway premises between the Bowringpet and Marikuppam stations. The Stab I.G. of Police has not replied yet. Submitted for orders

24/6/10

(1) Submit a Copy of the letter under disposal to the Dewan for information

(2) Desire a reminder to the I.G. of Police and request also for a Specific Expression of opinion on the points raised in the Res' letter viz whether in Consequence of the more Stringent provisions of the Mines Regn of 1906, the Railway premises are resorted to more frequently than before for transmission of Stolen gold & the mining material and whether in the opinion of the I.G. of Police, the Extension of the ~~I.G. of~~ Mines Regn to that area is absolutely necessary. Ask that the opinion of the Deputy Commr of Kolar may also be forwarded — at a very Early date.

Urgent

26/6/10.

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	Submitted with a draft to the I.G. of Police. A copy of the Residency letter is separately submitted to the Dewan for information as ordered. 28/6/10
	29/6/10.
3	No J 46 dated 5th July 1910 to the Inspector General of Police in Mysore. Invites his attention to this office No. J 3478 dated 16/5/10 Sl 1 and requests him to expedite the submission of his opinion and also to obtain and report the opinion of the D. C. of Kolar &c.
4	No. 6007/S 34 dated 28th March 1911 From the Inspector General of Police. Forwards his report on the proposal to extend the provisions of the Mines Regn to the Rly. Premises between Marikuppam and Kolar Gold Fields and Bowringpet Stations.
	Order: That the Inspector General of Police and the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar, are agreed as to the necessity for the extension of the Mines Regulation to the Railway premises between Bowringpet and Marikuppam and the

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Department suggests as an alternative the putting back of the jurisdiction over the K.G.D. Railway line. The Department has also forwarded the opinion of the Solicitor of the Mining Companies furnished so far back as 1907, to the effect that the Dunbar has still power to legislate for this portion of the Railway. He bases his opinion on the judgment of the Privy Council reported in 25 Cal. 20 with reference to the nature of the authority which the Hyderabad State was considered to possess in regard to lands within the limits of that State Railway.

The soundness of this view is open to very great doubt, but for the present we are not directly concerned with it now.

V.S.

The terms of the Notification quoted in the above report as evidencing the grant to H.E.H. of jurisdiction by the Hyderabad State over certain portions of that State Railway and which was held by the Privy Council as not having taken away the power of the Hyderabad State to legislate still in regard to those lands do not seem to differ materially from our Notification of 5th Feby 1896. under which the jurisdiction over the Railway lies in

H. V.

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The Mysore State was conceded to the British Govt. The preamble is almost ~~[illegible]~~ the same. But Part I of your Notification differs from that of the Notification of the Hyderabad State a little. It is stated in Part I of your Notification that "all laws for the time being in force in the Civil Station of Bangalore shall be deemed to be in force in the aforesaid lands". Following the reasoning of the Privy Council judgment it is to be doubted whether this has the effect of taking away altogether the power of the ~~State~~ Darbar to pass their own laws in regard to these lands, in other words, whether the laws passed by the Durbar should not be regarded as applicable to them as well. It is not said that the Civil Station laws alone shall have force over the said lands. The suggestion of the solicitors of the Companies has therefore to be considered with regard to the question of the desirability whether there have been so many cases since 1900 as to justify the passing of a law by the B. Govt. for such a

The area can not be simultaneously subject to two diff. law-making authorities.

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small lengths of railway line. The paucity of cases of discovery ~~of cases~~ of thefts of gold and mining materials on the Railway premises is ascribable to the suspicion of dishonesty which would attach to the Government as due to the difficulty at present experienced by Police officers of carrying their search to these premises for want of necessary legislative authority. The Dy Supt has given a list of cases in which prompt action ~~was~~ against persons carrying mining materials was not possible on the Railway premises. He has also given a list of notorious dealers in stolen gold between Bowringpet and Harikuppam, 15 in number, who cannot be followed up since 1906 successfully. The question of exemption of jurisdiction given to the Railway Authorities therefore has to be replied to before orders.

DKS (25) 3/6/10

The number of cases reported viz 12 for a period of 4 years must be considered too small to by itself to justify a recommendation that the Mining Rights should be [illegible]

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to the Railway line. But we have also to take account of the large number of cases in which detection has been rendered impossible owing to the break of linage in Police jurisdiction. Looked at from this standpoint there seems to be justification for extending the Regulation. The Resd^t may perhaps be informed accordingly.

21. (2). But the occasion may also be utilized to urge the desirability of ceding back the administrative jurisdiction over the area to the State. Such a course would be far more satisfactory than the application, by the Governor-General in Council, of the provisions of the Mines Regulation to the Railway line, as in the former case the same Police will be at work on both areas. Detection is rendered difficult now because Co-operation cannot always be expected between the British Railway Police and the State Police. This is a far more serious difficulty than the 'duplication of tribunals' resd

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to by Mr Napier in his memorandum
There is no difficulty in trying the thieves
accused if only they could be
got at.

(3) As the K. G. J. Railway does not form part of a through line we can fairly ask the Govt of India to for retrocession of jurisdiction

An Early reply is due to the Resr.

5/4/11. SH

Please put up a draft to Resr stating the facts — no of cases that occurred where taken to the courts, the cases in which they could not be easily worked up, the number of notorious receivers of property who could not be followed etc, the strong representations made from time to time by the Mining Bs — and say that the Regn should be extended to the K G line as

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better still, jurisdiction over the line may be transferred to the Dimbar.

clx
20/4/11

Yes.

Draft submitted for approval.
SW(11)
20/4/11

20/4/11

(1). Please type the draft as revised

(2) Please put up, if papers if there are any, relating to the transfer of the jurisdiction over this line. The papers are here. Sen. Urgent

2/5/11.

Yes the opening section

Submits a typed draft.
SW(11)

Typed
A draft is put up

6/5/11.

Yes. 1st & 2nd Cl. + Dewan.

clx
8/5/11.

8/5/11

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No I think that the draft is all right & may go; though I may perhaps add that the retrocession of jurisdiction which certainly is the most appropriate remedy can hardly be expected I am not sure that the G. I would be able to surmount the difficulty of introducing exceptional legislation for a tiny bit of territory.

8/5/11

May be approved. We may add that the Railway in question is situated in the heart of the gold bearing tract and that innumerable facilities exist for persons with stolen gold to escape into the general

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	stations existing on the line and take advantage of the train service. Once on the Railway line the thieves are practically safe as the provisions of the Mining Regulation are not in force in that area.
	Books sent with the bills:-
XXVI	(1) S. I. R. Madras 903 Dewan
XII	(2) — So —
XXV	(3) — Calcutta
	11/6 15
11	15. 5

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(17)

Submitted to His Highness.

I submit for information the papers regarding the application of the Mysore Mines Regulation, 1906, to the Kolar Gold Fields Railway line.

"Draft for approval". The accompanying draft of a letter to the Residency requesting that jurisdiction over this Railway line may be retransferred to the Durbar, or that the Government of India may introduce provisions similar to those contained in our Regulation over the Railway line, has been agreed to by the Councillors and may be approved.

Paras 15 & 16 of [illegible] notes.

P. Bhandarkar
20 May 16

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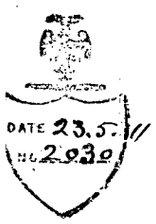
Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.



Application of the Mysore Mines Regulation of 1906 to the Kolar Gold Fields Railway line.

Order.

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30. Approved
KRW
26/5/11

Secy
31 Mem for
Min Dept
28/5/11

32 Issue
KRW 31/5/11
ABB 31/5/11

31/5/11

31/5/11

Serial No.	
5	No Pol. 1066 dated 6/6/11
	to the F. A. Resident in Mysore, Bangalore
	Forwards a statement of cases of theft that occured on the line and recommends that either the jurisdiction over the ~~Line~~ line be retransferred to the Durbar or that the provisions of the Mines Regn. ~~may~~ be extended over the line (preferably the former)
6	No 4856 dated 15/7/11
	From the F. A. Resident-
	Informs that for reasons stated therein the Hon'ble the Resident while fully sympathising with the Durbar and the Mining Board in their desire to safeguard the mines from all possible risk of loss, he is reluctantly of opinion that the measures now proposed are open to serious objections and that the advantage of legislating on these lines has not been satisfactorily explained &c.
33	Submitted. As regards the proposal ~~(3)~~ contained in the last para 17/8/11 of the Residency letter ~~recommended~~ for investing the Superintendent of Police with power to ~~[illegible]~~

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on undesireables attention is invited to para 9(3) of Letter No 3366 83/10/10 (Legis 12-10-2) from the I.G. of Police in Mysore recommending the same course, which proposal is included in his report on the working of the Mysore Mines Regn for the year 1909-10. The Govt in reading the report have observed that fresh proposals should form the subject of separate reference. No further reference on the point has been received yet from the I.G. of Police.

Legis 12-10-3
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~~dl~~ (5-8) SN(11) 34
19/8/11 (1) Putup a brief draft to Mining Board Representation as in the concluding portion of the letter dated 176 Res.

8/8(2) Let Police Secretary also note on the alleged illegal (Police) authority in the mines.

[File should be treated as urgent]

21/8/11

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GPB—5,000—26-6-11

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36	Subs. Besides the police establishment maintained by the State (including the detective force for which a contribution is paid by the Mining Cos.) the Mining Companies maintain an establishment of Punjabi Watchmen. The Chief Supervisor of this Establishment (Mr. Jones) has been invested with the powers a Station House Officer. There does not seem to be any dual authority. The I. G. P. may be written to in the matter if considered necessary. B.G. (S/P) 22-8-11.
37	Submitted with a draft letter to Representative, Charles H. Richards Esqr., Kolar Gold Fields Mining Board. Copies of the reply may (5.8) perhaps also be sent to the 23/8/11 I. G. of Police and Deputy comm^r Kolar &c^a for information. (6.8) 23/8/11
38	A reply in the terms of the draft as proposed will perhaps do. It is a matter for consideration whether further details of the Res^t letter under Consideration need be conveyed to the Mining

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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45	The alternative draft embodying the Resident's observations is approved for immediate issue. Further action should be taken on the remaining points.
46	Issue & take further action. CSB 25/9/11
	47 Issued today. SA 25/9/11
7	No J 1063 dated 26/9/11 To the Secretary Kolar Gold Fields Mining Board, Ooregaum Informs him of the above (cc 6)
8	No J 1064 dated 26/9/11 To the I. G. of Police and D. C. Kolar Forwards copies of the above.
8	No — dated 30/9/11 From the Secretary Kolar Gold Fields Mining Board, Ooregaum Acknowledges with thanks 8l 7.
49	Submitted Re the suggestion for empowering the I. G. of Police to issue notices on undesirables in all cases a dispatch reference has been made by the I. G. of

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Police for suitably amending the Mines Regn and is now under consideration. May the I. G. be unofficially consulted as regards the dual control referred to in page 6 of the Legis 34-09-6 Residency letter. ~~(Legis 34 of 1909-6)~~ as suggested in para 3 of the Asst Secretary's note at page 22 ante. Attention is invited to ~~(58)~~ the office note on page 21, para 36, made by ~~4/6/11~~ the Police section in this matter

~~(58)~~ SW(11)
24/10/11

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4 Q Rather than send the file unofficially, please put up a draft of a letter from Govt to the Q. Govt embodying the statement in question in the Resident's letter and asking for his opinion in the matter.

Early.

Typed 31/10/11. SH

5 Submitted with a draft-letter as directed

~~(58)~~ 31/10/11 5Q

Somebody or other — please come up personally with this note! The draft I did not pass the draft but have put up will not do. The I. G. asked Shanmugam to revise it. Not Resident is referred to by name in his was sent to Secretary by oversight. Also Communication addressed to the Q. Govt. !

— 1/11/11 — 2/11/11 SH

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Submitted to His Highness.

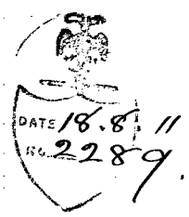
52 I submit for information a copy of Residency letter dated 15th August 1911 regarding the proposal of the Durbar to extend the provisions of the Mysore Mines Regulation to the Kolar Gold Fields Railwa or in the alternative to retransfer jurisdiction over the Railway to the Durbar.

In

T. Ananda Rao
18 Aug 11

Record of Cases submitted for the Ord.
of His Highness the Maharaja

Subject.



53 Copy of Residency letter of 15th August 1911 regarding the extension of provisions of the Mines Regulation to the Kolar Gold Fields Railway.

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Order.

~~KRW~~
29/8/11

56 Dewan's order
Wolseley
~~Sd~~ KV
4/9/11

57 [illegible]
4/9/11

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	SB Draft now put up
	2/4/12
9	No J/1329 dated 11/11/11 To The I.G. of Police Enquires about the alleged dual Police control in the Mines.
10	No 3356/4.12 dated 27/2/12 From the I.G. of Police Forwards copy of letter No 171 dated 6/2/12 from the Deputy Commr Kolar reporting that there is no dual Police control in the Mines.
	SB Submitted. The information was called for in the last para 4/Pol contained in the letter from the Residency serial 6. A reply to the Residency conveying the information contained in the I.G.'s letter may perhaps be sent. Such a draft letter to the Residency is also put up. (S.B.) SW 8/3/12 9/3/12 If a reply is considered necessary, the draft as proposed may

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perhaps be apptg
13/3/12

Secy) 61 The draft may with advantage be more simple & embody the Kolar D.C's letter.

CSB
15/3/12

62 Please put up revised draft soon

Legs 15/3/12

63 Revised draft submitted

(58) 16/3/12 CN 20/3/12

Secy 64 Bn 20.3.12

65 Draft may be approved

1st C. } Dewan
2nd C. }

CSB 21/3/12

66 The draft seems to be all right. But is it not a Police matter & go to the 2nd C.? Bn

2nd C.) 22/3/12

67 Dewan

68 Dewan

CSB 25/3/12

430 27.3.12

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Legis File No. 314 of 1909

Serial No.	
	69 A communication (No. 4081) dated 7th March 1912, has been received from Messrs John Taylor and Sons, wherein they refer to the unsatisfactoriness of the present arrangement and move for a reconsideration of the question of the restoration of the State's jurisdiction over the Kolar Gold Fields Railway. The case may again be worked up and circulated to Councillors.
	(Put up with 8 spare copies)
	Thomson
	Ill C&B 3/4/12
11	No. — dated 15/3/12 From John Taylor & Sons London Forwards a representation for ~~reviewing~~ reconsidering the original proposition of the Mining Board for extending the provisions of the Mines Regns to the Gold Fields Railway. To Submitted CL (S.S.) 11/4/12 In their present letter the Mining Board do not urge the ~~Extension~~ Application of the Mines Regulation

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to the Railway premises but confine their prayer to the reference to the Darbar of the jurisdiction over the K. G. F. Railway.

11 In support of their prayer the Mining Board state that it is unreasonable to ask them to furnish facts and figures to show that the police have been hampered in their work owing to the break in the continuity of the jurisdiction and that they can only state that it is unreasonable to expect that in the face of the existing impediments to successful detection the efforts of the police to investigate should lead to a satisfactory issue.

12 They also deny that the extension of the powers of search possessed by the Railway police would present an intolerable interference with the personal liberty of the public travelling over a Railway. They point, in support of their position, to the smooth working of the Mines Regulation over the K. G. F. area during the last 15 years.

13 They reiterate the argument

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G. R. S. 12]

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that as the K.G.F. Railway is only a ~~Branch~~ branch line constructed to meet the business convenience of the Gold Mining Companies, jurisdiction over it should be retransferred to the Durbar.

S.A.

11/4/12

Sec'y

13 Please submit a fresh draft to Resr covering the information contained in the former draft, & also enclosing a copy of the letter from Messrs Taylor & Bons stating that the Durbar are in full agreement with the arguments advanced in the letter & would strongly urge on the Resr the adoption of the remedy suggested viz the retransfer of jurisdiction over the line to the Durbar.

CSB
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Sec'y
11/4

14 Subm. with a fresh draft as ordered.

S.A.
14/4/12

SW(11)
13/4/12

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Sec'y
20/4/12

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Subs to 2nd Cr, 1st Cr ordered.

U&B
23/4/12

To be approved

24/4/12

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(Secret)

To I do not think that this is a case in which we should reiterate our demand after the receipt of the last letter from the Residency. Without identifying ourselves too closely with it, we may send a copy of the Board's Letter, and say that the Darbar's view has been already communicated.

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27/4/12

GPB—20,000—20-1-12.

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Copy attached — Mr. Meyer

Mr. Meyer

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P.T.O.

GPB—20,000—20-1-12

Submitted to His Highness.

78. The accompanying papers relate to the introduction of the Mysore Mines Regulation to the Kolar Gold Fields Railway line or in the alternative the retrocession of jurisdiction over this line to the Durbar.

2. In the matter of certain observations made in the Resideny letter No.4856 dated 15th August 1911 concerning the existence of dual authority in Police matters in the Gold Fields area, it has been ascertained that the information at the disposal of the Residency was not quite accurate.

3. It is therefore now proposed to communicate the exact situation and in doing so also send for information a copy of a letter dated 7th March 1912 since received from Messrs. John Taylor & Sons, wherein they refer to the unsatisfactoriness of the present arrangement; and go so far as to move for a reconsideration of the question of the restoration of the State's jurisdiction over the Kolar Gold Fields Railway. The proposed draft has been agreed to by the Councillors and may be approved.

"Paper under disposal".

Draft for disposal"

MR

T Vijayaraghavan
10 May '12

Record of cases submitted for the orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

SUBJECT.

Introduction of the Mysore Mines Regulation to the Kolar Gold Fields Railway line or in the alternative the retrocession of jurisdiction over the said line to the Mysore Durbar.

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ORDER.

79 Approved
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Serial No.	
12	No Pol. 985 dated 23rd May 1912
	To F. A. Resident in Mysore
	Informs him that there is no dual police control in the K. E. T. explaining how, and forwards a copy of the letter from Messrs John Taylor and Sons in the matter dated 7th March 1912
13	No ~~2380~~ 3573 dated 21st June 1912
	From the F. A. Resident
	Acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the above letter
	Submitted
	(58), SW(11)
	22/6/12
	Maybe Subdto Comaillos and Dewan for perusal
	Evidently no further action will be taken by the Resdt.
	22/6/12
	Sec'y 28/6
	Before we have to

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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Serial No.

Wrote again after sometime say 3 or 4 months asking to know the views of the Revd.

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Diary No. of letter replied to _____

No. J 8478

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To
The Inspector Gl of Police
in Mysore, Bangalore

Date of issue 16th May 1910

Signed by Sir K Rama Rao.

In connection with the proposed extension of the provisions of the Mysore Mines Regulation, 1906, to the Railway premises between the Bowringpet and Mari-Kuppam stations, I has the honor to request him to be so good as to submit for the information of Govt a statement shewing the number of cases offences under the said Regn (theft of gold & and receiving stolen property) that have occurred on the

over.

SUBJECT.

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Railway premises between
the Bowringpet and Marikuppam stations since 1906, and the result thereof in respect of them
By order An early reply is requested

for Secy to Govt

List of enclosures

Copied by

Examined by

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FROM

J 3121

MAJOR W. G. GREY, I. A.,
FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Dewan of Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 14th June 1910.

SIR,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of a --- letter dated the 31st May 1910, from the Secretary of the Kolar Gold Field Mining Board, recommending the extension of the provisions of the Mysore Mines Regulation to the Kolar Gold Fields Railway between Bowringpet and Marikuppam, and to request that the Resident may be favoured with the views of the Durbar on the subject.

2. I am to invite a reference to the correspondence noted on the margin, and to enquire whether the cases which have been brought before the Criminal Courts

x No.898, dated the 10th April 1907, from the Secretary to the Government of Mysore, General and Revenue Departments, to the First Assistant Resident in Mysore.

No.3200, dated the 20th April 1907, from the First Assistant Resident in Mysore, to the Dewan of Mysore.

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since April 1907 bear out the statement of the Mining --- Board that the Railway premises are used to an increased extent by persons receiving and removing gold and other mining material, and their implied complaint that such offenders cannot be successfully prosecuted under the Indian Penal Code.

3. Mr. Fraser fully recognises that the application of a law similar to the Mysore Mines Regulation to the -- Railway between Bowringpet and Marikuppam would facilitate the punishment of thefts of gold and mining material and would tend to decrease the number of such crimes, but the Durbar will understand the difficulty which the Government of India would probably feel in legislating specially for the small length of line in question under their jurisdiction and that a very cogent case must be established by undisputed facts if they are to be successfully moved in the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. S. Ley Major,

First Assistant Resident.

K.M.

Letter dated the 31st May 1910, from the Secretary of the Kolar Gold Field Mining Board, Oorgaum, to the Hon'ble the British Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

Since the introduction of the Mysore Mines Regulation of 1906 the Mining Board have frequently drawn the attention of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore to the necessity for extending its provisions to the Kolar Gold Fields Railway between Bowringpet and Marikuppam, and on the occasion of the last Representative Assembly held in Mysore City the -- Dewan, replying to a representation on the subject, spoke as follows:-

> "With reference to the extension of the Mines Regulation to the Railway between Bowringpet and Marikuppam the Durbar will be glad to support such a proposal, but you will understand that this is a measure entirely for the Hon'ble the British Resident to adopt, which I dare say he will see his way to do if a good case be made out for the purpose."

The Mining Board, therefore, now beg to be permitted to approach you on the subject, and to express the hope that you will consider it expedient to bring it before the Government of India for consideration.

The Mysore Government, recognising that special legislation was necessary for protecting the Gold Mining indust[illegible]

brought in their amended Mines Regulation of 1906 which has undoubtedly proved of great service. Its usefulness, however, has been, and is, greatly discounted by the fact that it does not apply to any portion of the local Railway premises. These premises lie in the very heart of the Mines in many cases within a few yards of Mills, Assay Offices, &c., where Gold and other Mining materials are handled in large quantities; yet within these premises any person in possession of stolen gold or mining material is safe from the special provisions of the Mining Regulation with regard to the possession of such stolen material. The Mining Board would submit that this is an anomaly -- which should be removed. In no part of the Mining area is the protection given by the Mines Regulation more needed than at the several local Railway Stations.

It has long been a matter of common knowledge that the Railway has been largely used by persons conveying stolen gold and mining material to other places, frequent cases have been brought to light in which such stolen material has been seized from persons travelling by train to places on the line, such as Bowrihgpet, Bangalore, Tirupatur, Vellore, &c. The Mining Board has spent a very large amount of money in prosecuting such cases, but without success owing to the Mines Regulation not being in force on Railway premises.

Owing to the most stringent preventive sections of the new Regulation in force on the Mines themselves, the Railway premises are undoubtedly used to an increased extent by persons receiving and removing gold and other mining material, and it is more than ever necessary that steps should be taken to alter the existing state of affairs under which the Railway premises offer a secure and easily accessible refuge to offenders of this kind.

C o p y.

H.S. Trumbull Ainger

R e g i s t r a r,

Mysore Resident's Office.

K.M.

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Diary No. of letter replied to _____

No. J.44.

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 5th July 1910

Signed by Mr S Srinivasaraya

To The Inspector General of Police in ~~Bangalore~~ Mysore, Bangalore

Has the honor to invite his attention to this Office No. J 3978 dated 16th May 1910 requesting him to submit for the information of Govt a statement showing the number of offences under the Mines Regn that have occurred on the Railway premises between the Bowringpet and Station Marikuppam &c and to request him to kindly expedite the same.

He is also requested to give

over.

SUBJECT.

therein specific expression
of his Opinion on the question
whether in consequence of
the more stringent provisions
of the Mines Regn. of 1906
the Railway premises are
~~resob~~ resorted to, more
frequently than before, for
transmission of stolen gold
and other mining material
and whether in the opinion
of the I.G. of Police the
extension of the Mines
Regulation to that area
is absolutely necessary.
The Opinion of the Dy
Commissioner of Kolar Dt.
on the question
may also be kindly
obtained and forwarded
~~submitted~~
at a very early date.

By order

for Offg Secretary to Govt

List of enclosures.

Copied by B. Lakshmanachar

Examined by HTL

MGCPB—30,000—16-2-05

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From

The Inspector-General of Police
in Mysore.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore.
Gen. & Rev. Depts.

Dated
Despatched } 28th March/11
Received

General No. 607/534
No.

Enclosure No. 1 + 1 file

Re the extension of the provisions of the Mines Regulation of the Railway Premises between Bowringpet & Marikuppam

No. 607 / 534 Office of the Inspector-General of Police in Mysore,

Dated Bangalore, 28th March *1911.*

From

D. Devaraj Urs Esquire,

Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

To

C.S. Balasundaram Iyer Esquire, B.A.,

Offg. *Secretary to the Government of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,*
General and Revenue Departments.

Sir,

With reference to your docket No. J.44/Legis.24-09 dated 5th July 1910, regarding the extension of the provisions of the Mines Regulation to the Railway premises between Bowringpet and Marikuppam, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of a statement showing the number of offences under the Mines Regulation that have occurred on the Railway premises since November 1906 to May 1910. It will be seen therefrom that 12 cases occurred witnin this period, of which 9 ended in conviction, one in discharge and the remaining two were struck off. Out of the 9 cases convicted, 3 were transferred to the local Magistrate and tried by him.

2. As regards the question of the extension of the Mines Regulation to the Railway premises, I beg to forward herewith for the information of Government copies of letter dated 15th February 1911 and its enclosures from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar, explaining in detail the necessity for the introduction of the

provisions

provisions of the Regulation to the Railway premises. I quite agree with him in his remarks in para 9 of the lette that to secure convictions in cases concerning mining material on the Railway premises, either the Mines Regulation has to be extended thereto or the jurisdiction over this loopline retransferred to the State. I may here stat that the mining area is formed into a special circle for the purpose of Police administration and has a special Magistrate for the disposal of criminal cases arising with the area. I am strongly of opinion that by the transfer of the loopline to the State, the interests of the mining industry in this respect will be better secured than by the extension of the Mines Regulation to the Railway line leaving the Police administration in different hands.The difficulties which arise from two different administratio within the same area, come in the way of investigation and detection. If the mining area including the Railway line is in the hands of one and the same Police, the facilitie are necessarily greater. The transfer of Police administ tion over this short ~~time~~ line does not in any way interfere with that over the main Line. I would therefore recommend more strongly in favor of the transfer of the Police ~~administration~~ jurisd. over the Railway line from Bowringpet to Marikuppam to the State.

3. Regarding the point whether in consequence of the more stringent provisions of the Regulation, the Railway premises are resorted to more frequently than before for transmission of stolen gold and other mining material. I beg to invite the attention of Government to para 10 of the Deputy Commissioner's letter and to state that I quite agree with him.

4. This question was first urged by the mining Board in 1907 and since then it is being brought on in the Representative Assembly every year. I have also in reports on the working of the Mines Regulation

brought to the notice of Government the desirability of the proposed extension of the provisions of the Regulation to the Railway premises also.

5. Now that the Regulation has worked for over 4 years without causing undue hardship to the honest and law abiding subjects of the State, I think it is high time that its provisions are extended to the Railway premises between Bowringpet and Marikuppam. I request that you will be so good as to obtain the early orders of Government in the matter.

I have the honor to be,
sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Inspector-General of Police.

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Statement showing the number of cases under the Mines Regn

between Marikuppam and Bowrin

Serial no.	Name of the accused	Date of Capture	Nature of property	Value of property			
1	Syed Navoz	22-11-1906	Sponge gold	52	8	.	Disc
2	Rangasamy and another	22-3-07	Brass fitting	24	..	..	bow
3	Abdul Aziz	10-10-07	Sponge gold	150	..	..	
4	Munisami	16-12-07	Gold	200	..	..	Shee
5	Gabriel	7-7-08	Mining gold	100	..	..	bow
6	Kunja	12-7-08	do	10	..	..	..
7	Thiumarayana Iyengar alias Rangachar	29-11-08	Bar gold	553	..	..	
8	Abdul Kareem	8-4-09	Sponge gold	60	..	..	..
9	Hosoora	18-4-09	Mining steel jumper	75	..	..	..
10	Borasami Norker	21-5-09	Gelatine and fuse	..	..	..	Shi
11	Kanaksabhapathy Pillai	7-6-09	Blasting Gelatine &c	6	14		bow
12	Bodigadu	6-5-10	8 tolas mining bar gold	175	..		

Copy

Inspector General of Police.

8/5/10

tion 1906 that have occurred on the Railway premises

t since the year 1906.

Result	Remarks.
ged on 14-12-06	The District Magistrate, Kirkland Military Station discharges the accused as the Mining Regulation was not in force in the Railway limits.
d on 27-4-07	Transferred and tried by the local Magistrate.
13-1-08	Tried by the District Magistrate, K & M. Station.
on 20-2-08	By Railway Magistrate.
ed on 29-7-08	District Magistrate, K. & M. Station
do. do.	Railway Magistrate.
do 21-12-08	Transferred and tried by the local 1st class Magistrate.
do. 1-5-09	Tried by the District Magistrate, K & M. Station.
do. 7-5-09	Transferred and tried by the 1st class Magistrate.
k off	Railway Magistrate.
ed on 5-7-09	Do.
3-6-10	Tried by the District Magistrate, K. & M Station.

Dated Champion Reef
8th June 1910

S.D. Sidney M. Pritchard.
Superintendent of Police,
Kolar Gold Fields.

Confidential. Champion Reefs, 15th February 1911.

My dear friend,

In continuation of my letter dated the 22nd October 1910 forwarding for your information a file regarding the question of the extension of the Mysore Mines Regulation to Railway premises, I herein note briefly what has transpired in the past and how we now stand in regard to this important subject

Mining Board Secre-tary's letter dated 19th February '07

2. The question was first urged by the Mining Board in 1907 stating that the Government had recognized that the gold mining industry required special protection and had therefore brought in the amended Regulation whose provisions, however, were greatly discontinued because it was not in force on Railway premises which ran through the heart of the Mines and afforded an easy road for traffic in illicit gold. The Board obtained the opinion of Counsel[X] regarding the general question of jurisdiction and the best course to pursue, so as to obtain what they had in view.

X Vide Appendix I.

Deputy Commissioner's letter No. 6549/334 dated 14th March '07.

3. On my approaching the Government on the subject, a reply was received that the Hon'ble the British Resident had been addressed in the matter.

No.J.3126 Leg.5-06-6 dated 10th April '07. No.J.3547 Leg.5-06-11 dated 23rd May 1907.

4. A further communication from Government was also received stating that as the matter involved reference to the Government of India, it would be more satisfactory, before moving the British Indian authorities for the Durbar to be in possession of the report on the working of the Regulation after it had been in force for two years, as it would then be possible to say from experience whether the Board's apprehension that in consequence of the preventive sections having been rendered more stringent, there is greater likelihood of the Railway premises being resorted to, by receivers of stolen property carried any weight. This decision of Gove

Deputy Commissioner's No.8273 dated 28th May 1907

ment was communicated to the Mining Board, who pointed ou that the postponement would delay the extension of the

Mining Board secretary's letter dated 18th June '07

Regulation for a long time and requested me again to

approach the Government and strongly represent the feeling of the Board in the matter.

5. In the meantime, the subject was brought forward by the Board at the Representative Assembly of 1907 and Government referred the Board to the reply given to them in letter No.J.3547 Legis.5-06-11 dated 23rd May 1907. No.J.2422 Leg. 24-07 dated 12th February 1908.

6. The subject has since been brought up by the Board at successive Representative Assemblies.

7. In May last, a letter from Government to yourself asking for a statement showing the number of offences under the Regulation that had occurred on Railway premises since 1906 with the results thereof, was forwarded to me and the statement was submitted in due course. A further reference from Government to you in July, asking for an opinion whether the Railway premises were resorted ~~to~~ to more frequently than before in consequence of the more stringent provisions of the Regulation and whether in your opinion the extension was absolutely necessary, was forwarded to me for my opinion, which was embodied in my Fourth Annual Report on the working of the Mines Regulation dated 5th September 1910, para 8, which was to the following effect:- No.J.3478 Leg. 34-09 dated 16th May 1910. No.J.44 Legis. 34-09 dated 5th July 1910. X Vide Appendix II.

(i) In the actual mining area to which the Regulation applied the percentage of convictions to cases put up was 82.14 to which the percentage of convictions on Railway premises (50 per cent) compared very unfavourably and in one of these latter cases thrown out by the Civil and Military Station District Magistrate, the gold was sponge gold; X X Vide Appendix III.

(ii) Hitherto, we had considered that there would be great difficulty in obtaining convictions under the Penal Code only when the gold was bar gold;

(iii) In addition, we have not yet had the advantage of a single case convicted by ~~District~~ British Magistrates going up in appeal to the High Court, and I am doubtful whether any of these convictions under the Penal Code would be upheld.

upheld.

8. The results of the 12 cases, detected on the Railway premises during the period under review, show that the possession of stolen gold outside the area covered by the Mines Regulation is practically uncontrollable, for, among other reasons, the fact that the Courts will not always accept the analyst's evidence that the gold is mining gold and hence will not shift the burden of proof of honest possession on the accused. To remedy such state of affairs it was once thought that a person caught on Railway premises with gold in his possession could be tried by the Mysore Magistrate under the Mines Regulation for the offence of "being in possession of stolen Mining Material, within the Mining area, outside Railway premises" provided that it could be proved that he had passed into the Railway premises direct from the area in which the Mining Regulation was in force, and that the burden of proving that he had not passed from the Mining area direct into Railway premises and that the gold had passed into his possession within the Railway premises(supposing that such a defence were set up) would naturally lie on the accused. But such presumption and proofs would scarely be resorted to in any Criminal Court.

9. To secure, therefore, convictions in cases concerning Mining Material on the Railway premises, either the Mines Regulation has to be extended thereto or jurisdiction over this special loop-line retransferred to the State.

10.To turn to the point whether the Railway is now more extensively used by receivers than formerly, owing to the more stringent provisions of the Regulation, it is only a natural inference to be drawn from the fact that the area surrounding the Railway line is very closely guarded by our own Police and the Companies' Watchmen(who alone number about 500) and also to the fact that suo motu the Railway Police have not detected a single case of theft of gold during the period under notice, and that to be detected also

lining material on Railway premises carried no fear owing to the stringent provisions of the Regulation not being in force.

11.I also append a list X showing the number of cases in which the local Police, though they had strong reasons to suspect the offenders, could not act promptly and search them, for the very reason that once outside their jurisdiction they had to resort to the Railway Police for assistance, which naturally entailing circumlocution and delay, frequently resulted in the frustration of their object, as also another longer list X of suspected persons who are notorious carriers of Mining material, but who could not even be shadowed successfully in trains for obvious reasons.

X Vide Appendix IV.

X Vide Appendix V.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd).C. Srikantesvara Aiyer.

Deputy Commissioner, Kolar.

To,

D. Devaraj Urs Esquire,

Inspr-General of Police in Mysore.

M.S.

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Inspector-General of Police.

Appendix I.

Re Extension of Mines Regulation 1906 to Railway premises.

It is correctly stated in the Memo by the District Superintendent of Police that the Railway premises are not British Territory. Under clause 15 of the Instrument of Transfer 1881 land is to be granted for Railway purposes and plenary jurisdiction therein transferred to the British Government. Similarly under clause 9 land is to be granted by the Maharaja to the British Government for Cantonements, and he renounces all jurisdiction within the land so granted It was decided in Uttayas 12 Mad 29 that the Station of Bangalore so granted is part of the State of Mysore assigned by the Maharaja to the exclusive management of the British Government. Similarly therefore the Railway premises granted under clause 15 continues to be a portion of the Mysore State. This was also decided by the Privy Council in Mahomed Umfudin Vs L.E.25 Cal.p.20 with regard to Railway premises in the Hyderabad State(vide pp 20 and 31). The Mysore Mines Regulation No.IV of 1906 by section 1 extends to the whole of Mysore but by section 4 the provisions or sections 5 to 20 as to protection of mining property shall not apply to any local area unless extended by Notification of the Government. The term plenary jurisdiction was considered in Adams V K.E. 26 Mad p.607 and the Court was of opinion that those words in section 17 did not exclude the power of the Mysore Government to legislate with regard to offences.

That being so if the Regulation is extended to the Railway premises by Notification European British subjects, Indian subjects of His Majesty, and subjects of H.H. the Maharaja all become affected by it. The jurisdiction over these three classes of persons vests automatically by virtue of sections 15 & 17 the European British subjects being dealt with by Justices of Peace and the other two classes by British Magistrates. This jurisdiction was formerly

formerly exercised under the power given by sections4 and 6 of the Foreign Jurisdiction and Extradition Act XXI of 1879 to the Governor-General to appoint and delegate for those purposes and though this Act is repealed by the Extradition Act XV of 1903 it had already been provided for by an order in Council dated 11th June 1902. By clause 2 the order applies to "the Territories of India outside British India" and empowers "the Governor-General of India" to exercise any jurisdiction which His Majesty or the Governor-General has within those limits" and " to delegate such jurisdiction to any servant of the British Indian Government". In accordance with this order in Council British Magistrates are now exercising jurisdiction in Railway lands. It is suggested as one possible course that this jurisdiction might be given back to the Mysore Government from Bowringpet to the Gold Fields. I am not surprised to hear that the former Resident could not recommend it. It would be at variance with the whole policy of the Government of India as to Railway Police Administration and a retrogressive step in a locality where such a step would be most marked. It would not assist the administration of Justice, because, as Justices of the Peace would still have to try European British subjects in those places, it would introduce the duplication of tribunals that is obviated by the present system, and it could not be alleged that British Magistrates are not competent to deal with such offences. Another suggestion is that Mysore Magistrates might be given jurisdiction to try cases under the Mines Regulation on Railway premises. The serious objection to this course is that it would be at variance with the Instrument of Transfer and require a fresh treaty. I hardly think that the Secretary of State would like to reopen such a serious matter as the Session of ~~of~~ Jurisdiction. It would bring the Magistracy of the State and of British India into conflict because an accused person might be charged with theft and other offences under the ordinary law before the British Magistrate with respect to Mining material concerning which he was being charged before a State Magistrate with an offence under the Regulation. I think that is out of the question.

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A third suggestion is the jurisdiction to try cases under the Regulation should be vested in the British Magistrate at Bangalore. I do not understand what the point of this suggestion is. Under the order in Council the Governor-General has power to delegate his jurisdiction to any of his servants. Who exercises the jurisdiction with regard to these Railway premises now? Is it not considered desirable that he should hear this particular class of cases? It seems to me that the line of least resistance is the best. If the State notifies the Law comes into force and the British Magistrates have to administer it? Why should the Resident object? British subjects are liable under it already in the Gold Fields themselves and they would have the same protection on the Railway as they have in the "Fields". Natives would be no worse off than they were outside Railway premises. If the extension is shown to be advisable on the grounds on which the Regulation was originally passed it appears to me that the fact that the jurisdiction would be in British Magistrates would satisfy any doubts the Resident might hold.

24th January 1907. (Sd). Charles F. Napier.

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M. Lakshmanaswamy.

for Inspector-General of Police.

Appendix II.

Extract from District Magistrate's report No.1551 dated 6th September 1910.

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8.The introduction of the Regulation into the Railway premises between Marikuppam and Bowringpet is still being pressed for by the Mining Board. Since the passing of the new Regulation, 12 cases have been detected within the Railway premises, 3 of bar gold, 5 of sponge gold and 4 of other Mining material, of which one case relating to sponge gold is reported to have been discharged by the District Magistrate, C & M Station, 2 cases- one of bar gold and another of Mining material- struck off by the Railway Magistrate, C & M station and 3 others- one of bar gold and 2 of Mining material- transferred to the local Kolar Gold Fields Magistrate, or in all 50 per cent of the cases detected within Railway premises have either failed or been otherwise disposed of, owing to the Regulation not being in force therein That the actual number of cases detected is not large, is reported to be due to a great extent to the fact of the Railway being in the hands of another Police who cannot act under the Regulation. Besides, those actually brought to trial, there have, however, been a number of cases in which the local Police have not been able to follow up the information on the Railway line or act as promptly as desirable, for obvious reasons.

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M Lakshmana Sastry

for Inspector-General of Police.

Appendix III.

Statement showing disposals of cases detected on Railway premises since July 1906.

Disposal by	Description of property.								
	Bar gold			Sponge gold			Mining material.		
	Convicted	Discharged	struck off	convicted	Discharged	struck off.	Convicted	Discharged	struck off.
District Magistrate, C &M station	1	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-
Railway Magistrate, C & M Station.	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1
Special Magistrate, Kolar Gold Fields.	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
	2	-	1	4	1	-	3	-	1

Appendix IV.

Statement showing some of the more important cases in which prompt action against persons carrying Mining material was not possible on Railway premises.

Year & month	Name of Suspect	Nature of property.	No, of times action was not taken.	Remarks.
1906 September	Atchia-Komati	Bar-gold	1	Still at large.
1907 March	Rangasamy & Ponnusamy.	Brass fittings	6	Finally detected & convicted by the K.G.F. Magistrate.
1907 May	Abdul Khadir	Brass fittings	3	----------do----------
1908 April	Mahomed Mastan	Copper wire	1	----------do----------
1908 September	Nanjappa.	Bar-gold	2	----------do----------

Appendix V.

Appendix II

List of notorious carriers of gold travelling between Marikuppam and Bowringpet, who could not be followed up the Kolar Gold Fields Police from the year 1906.

No.	Name of Suspect	Travelling From	To
1.	Hajee & Kareem	Marikuppam	Bowringpet.
2.	Chendu	Champion	-----do----
3.	Malliga	Marikuppam	-----do----
4.	Pache Pille	----do----	-----do----
5.	Mrs.Miller	Ooregum	Bangalore.
6.	Pillanna	Champion	----do---
7.	Chennanjee and party.	Ooregum	Bowringpet.
8.	Lakshminaranappa	Champion	-----do----
9.	Sokka Ramiah	Coromandal	-----do-----
10.	Chaggan Mull	-----do---	Bangalore.
11.	Karapadu & Md. Khassim.	Champion	Bowringpet.
12.	Abdul Khadir & 2 others.	----do---	-----do----
13.	Alli Khan(Ry.P.C.)& Rahim Beg.	Marikuppam	----do-----
14.	Sultan Khan & Mallappa	----do----	----do----
15.	Bagepalli Narain Chetty.	Ooregum	----do-----
16.	Md.Ismail & Syed Rahman.	Champion	----do-----
17.	Md.Khasim & Syed Sultan.	----do--	----do-----
18.	Kanniah Chetty & Syed Abdullah	Ooregum	Bangalore.
19.	Mahomed Khassim	Marikuppam	Bowringpet.

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for Inspector-General of Police.

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The First Assistant to the Hon'ble
the Resident in Mysore.

Pol: No: 1066

Sir, Dr 6th June 1911. Encl 3.

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Adverting to Major W.G.Grey's letter No. 3678 dated the 14th June 1910, regarding the extension of the provisions of the Mysore Mines Regulation, IV of 1906, to the Railway premises between Bowringpet and Marikuppam on the Kolar Gold Fields Railway line, and requesting the opinion of the Durbar as to whether the cases which have been brought before the Criminal Courts since April 1907 ~~been~~ bear out the statement of the Kolar Gold Fields Mining Board that the ~~Mine~~ Railway premises are used to an increased extent by persons receiving and removing gold and other mining materials, I am directed to state as follows:-

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2. The subject was first brought to the notice of the Durbar by the Mining Board, in March 1907 who represented that the special protection afforded by the new

Mines Regulation to the gold mining industry in the Kolar Gold Fields was ~~very~~ much ~~so~~ discounted by the ~~incapability~~ inapplicablity of its provisions to the Railway premises referred to above. The Board was then informed in accordance with the suggestion of the Hon'ble the Resident (vide Mr.F.P. Rennie's letter No. 3200 dated 20th April 1907) that the ~~r~~eports on the working of the Mines Regulation over the Kolar Gold Fields area which the Inspector General of Police and the District Magistrate of Kolar had been asked to submit after it had been in operation for two years, should be - - awaited and that if the experience gained by the working of the Regulation justified the apprehensions of the Board, their representation would be placed before the Government of India for consideration as the authority having jurisdiction over the Railway line in question. The subject has since been ~~reported by~~ repeatedly ~~urged~~ brought up for consideration by the Mining Board in their annual representations ~~before~~ at the Representative Assembly and by the Inspector General

of Police and the District Magistrate of Kolar in their Annual Administration - - Reports.

3. I am now to forward a statement (Appendix I) showing the number of cases of thefts of gold committed and detected on the Railway premises between November 1906 and May 1910 with a list (Appendix II) of notorious dealers in gold travelling between Bowringpet and Marikuppam who could not be ~~followed up~~ apprehended by the Kolar Gold - - Fields Police. A statement (Appendix III) showing some of the more important cases in which prompt action against persons carrying mining materials on the said Railway premises was rendered impossible is also enclosed.

4. It will be seen from the above that in all 12 cases occurred during the period of which 9 ended in conviction, one in acquittal, the remaining two being struck off the file. Though the number of cases actually brought to trial is small considering the period during which the Regulation has been in operation, the Durbar

have reason to believe, as will be seen from Appendix II that a large number of persons committing or likely to commit thefts of gold and other mining materials ~~and escaping into the Railway premises~~ have escaped the detection owing to the inability of the State Police to take any action ~~within~~ on the Railway premises. In regard to the cases noted in app. III the Dt Magte of Kolar observes ~~reports~~ that the local police, though they had strong reasons to suspect the offenders, could not act promptly & search them, for the very reason that once outside their jurisdiction they had to resort to the Rly police for assistance, which naturally entailing circumlocution and delay, frequently resulted in the frustration of their object. It is also a significant circumstance that the Rly police have not suo motu detected a single case of theft of gold during the period under reference.

5. At present, the Mining area is formed into a special circle for the purposes of Police administration and ~~has~~ there is also a Special Magistrate for the disposal of cases arising within the area. But the administration of Police over the Railway line running through this area being in the hands of ~~the~~ a different authority, the difficulties in the way of ~~the easy~~ the prompt and easy investigation and detection of cases occurring within these premises must be obvious. If such cases are to be successfully ~~investigated~~ dealt with and if the new Mines Regulation is to have its intended effect, the administration of Police in the whole area should, as strongly represented by t

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by the Inspector General of Police and the District Magistrate of Kolar be vested in the hands of a single authority. As the retransfer of the jurisdiction over the K.G.F. Rly. ~~from Bowringpet to~~ this small length of ~~line~~ is not likely to interfere with the Police administration by the British Indian Government over the main line, and as this line does not form part of a ~~main~~ through line, I am to request that the Government of India may be kindly moved with a view to the jurisdiction over the line in question being retransferred to the Durbar. This course, in their opinion, affords ~~the~~ a complete ~~best~~ and ~~the easiest~~ simple solution of the difficulties pointed out by the Mining Board. But, should the Government of India find themselves unable to ~~accede~~ accede to this request of the Durbar, I am to state that, in their opinion, the provisions of the Mines Regulation may be extended to the Railway premises in question as prayed for by the Kolar Gold Fields Mining Board. The Durbar however consider that in the latter event there would still

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be some difficulties in the way of easy and successful investigation of crime, owing to the break in the continuity of police jurisdiction, because the

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Railway boss in Pretoria is situated in the heart of the Gold Mining district & is immediately accessible for persons with stolen gold to ~~escape~~ betake themselves to ~~this~~ the General Railway Stations there resting and escape by Train —

Enclosure - IV -

Statement showing the number of cases under the Mines Regulation Act Marikuppam and Bowringpet since the year 1906.

Ser. No.	Name of the Accused	Date of Capture	Nature of property	Value of property.			
1	Syed Navoz	22-11-1906	Sponge gold.	52	8	.	D
2.	Rangswamy & another	22-3-07	Brass fitting	24	.	.	(
3.	Abdul Azziz	10-10-07	Sponge gold.	150	.	.	—
4.	Munisamy	16-12-07	Gold.	200	.	.	50
5	Gabrial.	7-7-1908	Mining gold.	100	.	.	C
6.	Kunja	12-7-08	——— Do ———	10	.	.	—
7	Thirunarayaniengar al. Rangakhar	29-11-1908	Bar Gold.	553.	.	.	—
8.	Abdul Karim	8-4-1909	Sponge gold.	60	.	.	
9.	Hossora	18-4-09	Mining Steel jumper.	75	.	.	—
10.	Doraisamy Naiker	21-5-09	Gelatine & fuse	-	.	.	
11	Kanaksabhapati Pillay	7-6-09	Blasting Gelatine etc.	6	14	.	C
12	Bodigaon.	6-5-1910	8 bars Mining Bar gold	175	.	.	—

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n 1906 that have occurred on the Railway premises between

Result.	Remarks.
charged on 14-12-1906.	The District Magistrate, C & M. Station dis-charged the accused as the Mining Regulation was not in force in the Railway limits.
nvicted on 27-4-1907	Transfered & tried by the Local Magistrate.
~~do~~ — 13-1-1908	Tried by the District Magistrate, C & M. Station.
uck off on 20.2.1908	By Railway Magistrate.
nvicted on 29-7-1908	District Magistrate, C & M. Station.
~~do~~ — ~~Do~~ —	Railway Magistrate.
~~do~~ — 21-12-1908.	Transfered & tried by the Local 1st Class Magistrate.
~~do~~ — 1-5-09.	Tried by the Dt. Magistrate, C. & M. Station.
~~do~~ — 7-5-09	Transfered & tried by the 1st Class Magistrate.
truck ~~off~~.	Railway Magistrate.
nvicted on 5-7-1909.	~~do~~ —
~~do~~ — 3-6-1910.	Tried by the Dt. Magistrate, C. & M. Station

~~For~~ Offg. Secy. to Govt.

Appendix No: II.

List of notorious carriers of gold travelling between Marikuppam and Bowringpet, who could not be followed up by the Kolar Gold Fields Police from the year 1906.

No.	Name of suspect	Travelling From	To.
1.	Hajee & Kareem	Marikuppam	Bowringpet.
2.	Chendu	Champion	----Do----
3.	Malliga	Marikuppam	----Do----
4.	Pache Pille	----Do----	----Do----
5.	Mrs. Miller	Ooregum	Bangalore.
6.	Pillanna	Champion	----Do----
7.	Chennanjee & party	Ooregum	Bowringpet
8.	Lakshiminaranappa	Champion	----Do----
9.	Sokka Ramiah	Coromandel	----Do----
10.	Chagan Mull	----Do----	Bangalore.
11.	Karapadu & Md. Khassim	Champion	Bowringpet.
12.	Abdul Khader & 2 others	----Do----	----Do----
13.	Ali Khan (Ry. P.C.) and Rahim Beg	Marikuppam	----Do----
14.	Sultan Khan & Mallappa	----Do----	----Do----
15.	Hagepalli Narayan Chetty	Ooregum	----Do----
16.	Md. Ismail & Syed Rahman	Champion	----Do----
17.	Md. Khassim & Syed Sultan	----Do----	----Do----
18.	Kannaya Chetty & Syed Abdulla	Ooregum	Bangalore.
19.	Mehomed Khassim	Marikuppam	Bowringpet.

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Offg: Secretary to Government.

Appendix — No: III

Statement showing some of the more important cases in which -- prompt action against persons carrying Mining Material was not possible on Railway Premises.

Year and month.	Name of suspect.	Nature of property.	No. of times sanction was not taken.	Remarks.
1906 - September.	Atchia-Komati.	Bar-gold.	1	Still at large.
1907-May.	Rangasamy & Ponnusamy.	Brass fittings.	6.	Finally detected and convicted by the K.G.F Magistrate.
1907-May.	Abdul Khadir,	Brass fittings.	3.	do.
1908-April.	Mahomed Mastan.	Copper wire.	1.	do.
1908-September.	Nanjappa.	Bar-gold.	2.	do.

For Offg. Secretary to Government.

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FILE No. 36 of 1909-10

SERIAL No. 6

From

P.B. Warburton, Esq., I.C.S.,

First Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.

To

The Dewan of Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, the 15th August 1911.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Balasundaram Iyer's letter No. 1066, dated the 6th June 1911, regarding the extension of the provisions of the Mysore Mines Regulation, IV of 1906, to the railway premises between Bowringpet and Marikuppam on the Kolar Gold Fields Railway Line.

2. The matter has formed the subject of repeated references from the Mining Board for some time past, and for the reasons indicated in the letter under reply a decision has been delayed with a view to the collection of sufficient data in support of the contentions put forward by the Board. These data have now been furnished by the Darbar with the recommendation that one or other of two courses of action should be submitted for the favourable consideration of the Government of India. The Darbar are in favour of a retransfer to themselves of jurisdiction over this branch of the railway, on the grounds that the administration of the police over the railway line being in the hands of a different authority, considerable difficulty arises in the conduct of prompt investigation that the line in question does not form part of a

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through line and that the application of the Mining Regulations to this branch line is essential to an efficient check being placed on thefts of gold from the field. As an alternative the Darbar suggest that the provisions of the Regulation should be extended to the Railway premises without a transfer of jurisdiction.

In regard to retransfer of jurisdiction, I am to observe that the Government of India would certainly not renounce their ½ jurisdiction at Bowringpet, which is on the main line, and difficulty would be experienced in defining the limits of two separate jurisdictions. Taking all the ~~evidences~~ circumstances into consideration, the Resident is of opinion that sufficient grounds do not exist for submitting the proposal for the consideration of the Government of India. I am therefore to confine my remarks to the alternative suggestion that the provisions of the Mining Regulations should be extended to the railway premises in question.

3. It has been urged, firstly, that there is a considerable leakage of gold from the Field, secondly, that the absence of suitable provisions prevents prompt investigation, thirdly, that suspects cannot be adequately dealt with and fourthly, that the Railway Police have not suo motu detected a single case of theft.

(a) In regard to the first point information is necessarily scanty. At the same time the statistics now furnished show that in the last five years only twelve prosecutions have been instituted and nine of these resulted in conviction. It may no doubt be suggested that numbers of similar cases go undetected and that the mere fact that so few cases have been prosecuted is in itself a proof that further and stricter legislation is essential. On the other hand, it is acknowledged that the work of the police on the field is excellent, that a rigorous system of search

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search is enforced on all the Mines, and that the opportunities of theft have been reduced to a minimum. The figures given above show that a large percentage of convictions have been obtained and that where information has been afforded, the Railway police have conducted the investigations with success; there is no evidence to show that any cases have occurred in which the cooperation of the railway police has been refused. The contention put forward by the Mining Board must therefore rest wholly on the conjectural assumption that thefts go undetected.

(b) The question then arises whether the extension of the provisions of the Mining Regulation would -- materially assist towards the detection of these hypothetical thefts. It must be remembered, and on this point I am to lay emphasis, that the provision for arbitrary search, which may be adapted to the peculiar constitution of a mining community, can hardly be enforced upon a railway line open to the public. In Colonel Daly's opinion it would be impossible to extend the powers of search, which the Railway Police already possess, without imposing upon the public a restriction on personal and private liberty which would not be tolerable. So far as Colonel Daly is aware, although the provisions of the regulation in regard to the possession of unwrought gold are not in force upon the railway, no difficulty has been experienced in the past in obtaining convictions in gold thefts on this particular branch line. It is understood that in a case which went up to the Madras High Court the evidence produced on behalf of the Board as to the gold being Kolar gold was held to be insufficient and the prosecution lost their case; but I am to point out that the mere extension of this provision of the Regulations to the branch line to Bowringpet would in no way affect the disposal of cases

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arising beyond that limit.

(c) This consideration leads to the third point which I have noted above, viz:- the manner of dealing with suspects. The Darbar have furnished a statement giving the names of 19 persons who have been suspected of carrying gold during the past five years and who, it is suggested, have not been brought to book owing to the fact that the Mining Regulation is not in force on the railway. The value of this statement is to some extent conjectural. It is assumed that the information regarding these persons on which suspicion was based was insufficient to demand action on the part of the railway police, for, it must be remembered that it is upon information furnished by the Kolar Gold Field Police that prosecutions and convictions have been obtained. Moreover, there appears to be no -- reason why, in the case of notorious carriers of gold, the detectives employed by the force should not have shadowed these men and ultimately have obtained sufficient evidence to set the ordinary criminal law in motion. The question of dealing with suspects in regard to any form of crime is one which necessarily involves considerable difficulty, and apart from the adoption of stringent provisions for search which have been discussed above, -- Colonel Daly is unable to see in what way the ordinary criminal law could advantageously be extended.

(d) The fourth point is one to which the Darbar have drawn attention in their letter under reply. Although prima facie some weight might be attached to this argument, Colonel Daly is disposed to doubt whether the extension of the provisions of the Mining Regulation would materially affect the position. The duties of the railway police are primarily connected with watch and ward on the line and with such criminal offences as occur within the railway limits. It is obvious that in almost every case of an

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offence committed outside these limits the information must come from the local police, and it might be argued with equal force that a notorious receiver of stolen goods in Bangalore City might escape by rail because the railway police did not detect the offence suo motu. It is evident that for the detection of crime ready cooperation between the local police force and the railway police is essential any where and, so far as the Kolar branch line is concerned, the Superintendent of Railway Police has been instructed to use every endeavour in assisting the local force.

4. Apart from the special considerations which have been discussed in the foregoing paragraph, the Resident is disposed to think that, even if jurisdiction were transferred to the Darbar and the Mining Regulation were stringently applied, the desired object would not be attained. The result of such legislation would in all probability merely lead to a change in the 'Modus operandi' on the part of the thieves. The distance from the Kolar Gold Fields to the nearest station on the main line is not sufficiently great to prevent thieves from merely abandoning the branch line altogether and taking to the railway at the nearest point outside the danger Zone. While fully sympathising with the Darbar and the Mining Board in their desire to safeguard the mines from all possible risk of loss, -- Colonel Daly is reluctantly of opinion that the measures now proposed are open to serious objection and that the advantage of legislating on these lines has not been satisfactorily established. I am therefore to suggest that the possibility of improvement in the internal police organisation of the field might receive still -- further attention, and in this connection, to bring to your notice the advisability of investing the Superintendnet of Police with powers to serve notices on undesirables throughout the area to which the Regulation applies

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(vide paragraph 9 of letter No. 3366-176 of 1910 from the Inspector General of Police in Mysore to your address). The present system whereby each Superintendent of a mine has separately to issue a notice ~~to~~ to quit is cumbersome and liable to cause considerable delay in ridding the area of an undesirable person. It would also appear that on the Field itself dual authority to some extent exists. It is understood that the Superintendent of Police has no direct power in the Mines and that a Superintendent -- appointed by the Mining Board is in charge of the special police force. Colonel Daly has no reason to believe that this system does not work harmoniously nor has he sufficient knowledge on the subject to give any definite -- opinion. He would, however, suggest, for the consideration of the Darbar, the desirability of investing the Superintendent of Police with powers 'underground'. In conclusion I am to ask you kindly to convey the views of the Resident to the Mining Board with an expression of his regret that he is unable, as at present advised, to support the introduction of the measures which they have been so anxious to see adopted.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

First Assistant Resident.

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Alternative draft prepared in the light of the 1st councillor's remarks at page 22 of the Note.

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No. J 1063

General and Revenue Secretariat

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To

The Secretary, Kolar Gold Fields Mining Board,

Oregam

Date of issue 26-9-11

Signed by Mr S. Arunachalam

Sir

According to the concluding portion of para 2 of the Dewan's reply to the address presented by the Kolar Gold Fields Mining Board during the sittings of the Representative Assembly held in 1909 regarding the extension of the provisions of the Mining Regulation to

over.

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the Railway premises
between Bowringpet and
Mari Kuppam (copy herewith
enclosed), and the further
representation on the same subject
in the Representative Assembly
of 1910, I am directed to ~~intimate~~ inform you
that on the representation
of the Durbar, the Honble
the Resident in Mysore,
while fully sympathising
with the Mining Board in
their desire to safeguard
the Mines from all possible
risk of loss, is reluctantly
compelled to hold that the
advantage of legislating with
reference to the area comprised
within the Railway limits in
question, has not been
satisfactorily established.
The ~~four~~ points that were
~~by the Mining Board~~ urged in favour of ~~extension~~
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premises was, firstly, that there is a considerable leakage of gold from the fields, secondly, that the absence of suitable provisions ~~prompt~~ prevent prompt investigation, thirdly, that suspects cannot be adequately dealt with and, fourthly, that the Railway Police have not ~~seen more~~ detected a single case of theft. In regard to ~~these~~ the 1st four above points the Hon'ble the Resident is of ~~the following~~ opinion that ~~that~~ though in ~~regard to~~ the ~~first point~~ information ~~furnished by the Durbar on this point~~ must necessarily be scanty and only 12 ~~cases~~ prosecutions have been instituted ~~out of~~ in the course of 5 years out of which 9 resulted in conviction, it ~~cannot be taken to show~~ that the mere

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been prosecuted is itself a
proof that further and stricter
legislation is essential. On the
other hand it is acknowledged
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the field is excellent, that a
rigorous system of search is
enforced on all the mines and
that the opportunities of theft
have been reduced to a minimum
The statistics furnished shew
that where information has
been afforded, the Railway
Police have conducted the
investigation with success
and there is no evidence to shew
that any case has occurred
in which the cooperation of
the Railway Police
has been refused. The contention
put forward by the mining board seems to the Resident
to rest wholly on the
conjectural assumption that

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thefts go undetected.

As regards the remaining point regarding the want of suitable provision for prompt investigation the Hon'ble the Rendant is of opinion that the provision for arbitrary search, which may be adapted to the peculiar constitution of a mining community, can hardly be enforced upon a railway line open to the public, and that it would be impossible to extend the powers of search which the Railway Police already possess without imposing upon the public a restriction on personal and private liberty which would not be tolerable, and that although the provisions of the Mines' Act in regard to the possession of

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unwrought gold are not
in force upon the railway, no
difficulty has been experienced
in the past in obtaining
convictions in gold thefts on
this particular branch line
and the mere extension of
this provision of the Regulations
to the branch line ~~to Bowen~~
would, in no way, affect
the disposal of cases arising
beyond that limit. P As regards the Next, Suggestion
~~the third point viz the manner~~
~~of dealing with suspects it~~
~~is suggested~~ that the 19 persons
who have been suspected of
carrying gold during the past
five years have not been
brought to book owing to the fact
Police
that the ~~claims~~ Regulations
is not in force on the Railway line, the Hon'ble the Resident is led to assume that the
~~the~~ information regarding these
persons on ~~whom~~ which suspicion
was based was, ~~it is assumed,~~ insufficient to demand
action on the part of the Police

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~~it must be remembered~~ and that it is upon information furnished by the Kolar Gold Fields Police that ~~prosecutions and convictions~~ prosecutions have been instituted and Convictions Obtained ~~have been obtained and to him~~ further there appears to be no reason why, in the case of notorious carriers of gold, the detectives employed by the force should not have shadowed these men and ultimately ~~have obtained~~ sufficient evidence to set the ordinary criminal law in motion. The question of dealing with suspects in regard to any form of crime is one which necessarily involves considerable difficulty and apart from the adoption of stringent provisions for search it is in the opinion of the Resident difficult to see in what way the ordinary criminal law could advantageously be extended. As regards the

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fourth point that the Railway Police have not yet detected a single case of theft the knowledge the Residency Courts whether the extension of the provisions of the Municipal Regulation would materially affect the position. The duties of the Railway Police are principally connected with watch and ward on the line and with such criminal offences as occur within the railway limits and it is obvious that in almost every case of an offence committed outside these limits, the information must come from the local police. It is therefore evident that for the detection of crime ready co-operation between the local police force and the railway police is essential anywhere and so far as the

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Kolar Branch line is concerned the Superintendent of Railway Police, has been instructed to use every endeavour in assisting the local force. The Hon'ble the Resident is disposed to think that even if the provisions of the Mines Regulation were stringently applied on the Branch Railway line the desired object would not be attained.

Apart from the Special Considerations named above, The result of such legislation would in all probability merely lead to a change in the "modus operandi" on the part of the thieves. The distance from the Kolar Gold Fields to the nearest station on the main line is not sufficiently great to prevent thieves from merely abandoning the branch line altogether and taking to the Railway at the nearest point outside the danger zone. For these foregoing reasons The Hon'ble the Resident therefore regrets

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his inability, as at present advised, to support the introduction of the measures which the Training Board have been so anxious to see adopted

I have &c.

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U/Sy. Secretary to Govt.

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(1) The Inspector General of Police in Mysore, J 1065 & 26-9-11

(2) The Deputy Commissioner Kolar &c,

for information.

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THE KOLAR GOLD FIELD MINING BOARD,
OORGAUM,
MYSORE STATE,
S. INDIA,

DIARY No. 69 26
30th September 1911.

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FILE No. 34-09
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To

The Offg. Secretary
to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
General & Revenue Departments,
BANGALORE.

Sir,

I have the honor to convey to you the best thanks of the Mining Board for your letter No.J.1063/Legis.34-09-7 dated 26th September 1911, setting forth very fully the reasons why the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore is unable to support their appeal for the extension of the provisions of the Mysore Mines Regulation to the Railway premises between Bowringpet and Marikuppam.

The Board are deeply sensible of the very careful consideration which this question has received; and the weighty and convincing arguments adduced by the Hon'ble the Resident against the introduction of the measure have fully satisfied them of its impracticability.

They have now only to express the hope that the Railway Police will, as heretofore, co-operate heartily with the Gold

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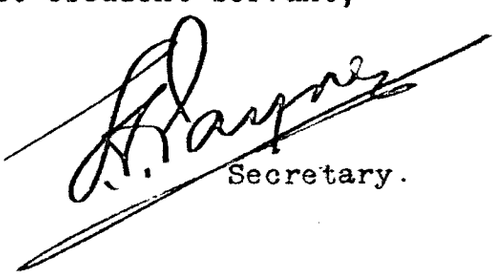
Fields Police and Detective Force in checking the disappearance of Gold and other valuable Mining property, which will redound both to the benefit of the Mines and to that of the State.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



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To

The Superintendent of Police
Nuwara Eliya

Date of issue 8-11-11

Signed by for S. Wijesuriya

Sir,

I am directed to state
that it has been reported
to Govt. that the Head Authorities
to failure on the part of
the Police to detect Cases of
Thefts of unwrought gold and
other mining materials in the
Kotagala Gold Fields mining
area is to be attributed to
the dual authority which

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SUBJECT.

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extent on the field itself.
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has no direct power in the
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appointed by the Mining Board
is in charge of the Special
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with a report on this matter
if ~~this report~~ statement is true.
and if ~~so, whether to favor~~
~~him~~ with your opinion as to
whether it is not desirable
to invest the Superintendent of
Police with powers ~~underground~~
An early reply is requested.

Yours

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OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE

Dated Bangalore, 27th February 19

From C. Srikanteswara Aiyar Esquire, B.A., B.L.,

Offg. Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

To C. S. Balasundaram Iyer Esquire, B.A.,

Offg. Secretary to the Government of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. J.1399/Legis.34-09 dated 8-11-1911 calling for opinion as to whether it is not desirable to invest the District Superintendent of Police, Kolar Gold Fields with "Police powers underground", I have the honor to forward herewith for the information of Government copy of letter No.171 dated 6-2-1912 from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, which speaks for itself and from which it will be seen, there does not seem to be any dual authority or want of jurisdiction underground in cognizable cases.

I have the honor to be,

sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd/ Srikanteswara Aiyar

Offg. Inspector-General of Police.

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FROM

The Inspector-General of
Police in Mysore.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
Gen. & Rev. Depts.

Dated 27th February 1912

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General No. 3354
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Enclosure No. one

Re the investing of the Police
Supdt, Kolar Gold Fields, with
'Police powers underground' in
the mines

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Letter No.C.171 dated 6th February 1912 from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, to the Inspr-General of Police in Mysore.

"With reference to copy of letter No.J.1399/Legis. 34-09 dated the 8th November 1911 from the Secretary to Government, General and Revenue Departments, forwarded with your endorsement No.2230/119 dated the 12th November 1911, for my opinion on the subject of underground Police functions, I have the honor to state as follows:-

As far as I am aware of, no special Police Force exists on the Kolar Gold Fields nor does in all Police matters any dual authority exist

The Superintendent of Police and the Police under him invariably take action in all cases of a cognizable nature, both on the surface and underground on the Mines.

There is a Watch Establishment under an officer of Messrs. John Taylor and Sons' Committee, known as the Chief Supervisor of Watchmen who draws a salary of Rs.600/- per mensem; but the work done by these men is purely confin to watch and ward of the various companies' property in the same way as other large companies and even private individuals employ their own watchmen to safeguard their property

This establishment is a well disciplined force consisting of Punjabis and retired Sepoys and soldiers, numbering in all 614 who are posted on all important place on the Mines by day and night.

The Chief Supervisor of Watchmen has been invested by the Deputy Commissioner, under the authority of Government, with the powers of a Station House Officer, so as to enable him, in cases of emergency, arrest and search of persons in the employ of the companies; but it is distinct understood that these powers are only to be exercised ~~them~~ in urgent cases where time would be lost i

Regular Police which would probably result in the escape of an offender and also that these arrests and searches are only to be made in cases concerning mining material.

All further investigation and proceedings before a court in cases detected by the Water Establishment, are conducted by the Regular Police.

In the general management of this Force and in all matters of importance connected with the discharge of its Police functions, the Police Superintendent is regularly consulted and his advice invariably acted upon under the general supervision of the Deputy Commissioner".

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* C O P Y *

Offg. Inspector-General of Police.

From MESSRS. JOHN TAYLOR & SONS,
Managers of Mining Companies working on the Kolar Gold Field,
LONDON.

HE DEWAN OF MYSORE,
BANGALORE.

7th March, 1912.

SIR,

No. P. 1063/ Legis. 34-09-7, dated 26th Sept., 1911.

We have received from our Mining Board on the Kolar Gold Field a copy of your Secretary's letter cited in the margin, which is a continuation of previous correspondence on the subject of applying the Mysore Mines Regulation of 1906 to the Railway Line and premises between Bowringpet and Marikuppam, opening out the larger question of complete jurisdiction in that small branch, 10 miles in length.

2. The correct appreciation of the matter under discussion is of such vital importance to the dual interests involved—firstly the rights of the Mysore State, and secondly the prosperity of the Gold Mining Companies under our management, —that we offer no apology for this attempt to place before the Government of His Highness the Maharaja a complete exposition of the initial stages and present surroundings of a case, which, we are compelled to believe, has suffered, and is still suffering, from a certain amount of misapprehension. In offering deferentially this opinion we desire to emphasise our warm acknowledgments of the sympathetic treatment, which has invariably been extended by the Mysore State to the subject matter of our present representation.

3. It may be useful at the outset to give a brief sketch of the administrative measures, which were taken from time to time on the Field so soon as remunerative working became assured. Even when mining arrangements had but imperfectly developed, the necessity for some connection with the Railway system of India was recognised, and the Branch line already referred to was projected and finally completed in 1894. The capital for construction was provided by the Mysore Government, the line becoming, as it still remains, the property of that State, jurisdiction being transferred to the British Government about the time the Railway was first opened, and long before questions of the kind now under consideration had arisen. Some years later as operations extended, the attention of the Mining authorities was directed to the prevalence of thefts of gold, and, eventually, on the advice of the late Sir Edward Bradford, Sir John Lambert, who brought to bear upon the complicated problems for solution, mature judgment and valuable experience as a Police Officer, was deputed to India, and employed in carrying out the necessary reforms. As the result of his four visits during 1900-05 the Police and Magisterial staffs were materially augmented, the Companies bearing an appreciable share of the cost of these improvements, and in addition reorganising their large force of Watchmen under competent supervision. The beneficial effects of thus strengthening the administrative machinery on the Field soon became evident, but further experience showed that an industry of a peculiar and hazardous nature, which was then, and still is, unique in the history of Indian commercial development, attracted adventurous

and unscrupulous characters to the Field, and required for its adequate protection something more than was contained in the ordinary law. To meet this want, after prolonged discussion and reference to the Government of India, the Mysore Mines Regulation of 1906 was passed. This enactment can, if necessary, be extended to the whole State; it is now in force throughout the Kolar District only, excluding the Railway limits to which the special law does not penetrate. As a means of checking illicit practices on the Field the precautions taken have clearly been in the right direction, but the obstructive effect of a narrow strip of foreign jurisdiction covered by the Railway in the very centre of the properties, and its tendency to cripple the continuity of successful police and detective work, were only gradually realised.

4. We proceed now to give a few details about the Railway and its surroundings, so that its position on the Field may be clearly apprehended. Under the name of the Kolar Gold Field Railway it comprises a short link between the main Madras line and the Kolar Gold Field. It was made at the cost of the Mysore State, solely to serve the gold mining industry and settlements. There are five stations on the line within the mining area -viz., Nine Reefs, Coromandel, Oorgaum, Champion Reefs and Marikuppam. The railway itself in its course through the Goldfield passes in many places in close proximity to shafts where ore is extracted, to mills where gold is recovered from the ore in the shape of amalgam, to assay offices where enormous quantities of pure gold are melted or otherwise treated, and offices where gold is stored. A man who has stolen gold can thus easily pass into a railway station or on to the line from any of the above places. Once inside railway premises he is immune from the search, to which persons travelling in the Kolar District outside the railway are liable under the Mines Regulation. An additional difficulty is that the British Railway Police are not qualified whether by sympathy, training, numbers, or organisation, to deal specially with offences arising out of the Mines Regulation. In saying this we wish to guard ourselves against any suggestion of neglect or hostility on the part of the Railway Police; but, however friendly that body may be, it is obvious that the scope of the Mysore Police work on the Field must necessarily be circumscribed when there is always the possibility that offenders may take refuge in the adjacent foreign jurisdiction.

5. Up to this point our endeavours have been directed towards demonstrating what we ask you to regard as a thoroughly unsatisfactory position, and explaining how it originated. Before turning to the alternative remedies which naturally suggest themselves, we think it desirable to deal with one objection, which, from the letter under reply, appears to have exercised some influence upon the Honble. the Resident namely that our claim to relief has not been supported by adequate statistics, the number of criminal cases on the Railway being relatively insignificant. To require the production of facts and figures in proof of our contention that the Gold Field Police are hampered by the impediment to free working which we have described, is to impose upon us an obligation which we cannot possibly discharge. But, assuming that the situation has been fairly described, and the facts accurately stated, the matter in issue is not so much the number of failures which have occurred for the reason we assign, but, whether the

Gold Field Police can reasonably be expected, under the circumstances, to carry their work of detection to a satisfactory issue. If this question be answered, as we conceive it must be, in the negative, then we venture to say that a case for redress has been established.

6. Seeing that no compromise short of the adoption of the Mines Regulation on the Railway is likely to afford sensible relief, the alternative remedies seem to be:

(*a*) The extension of the Mines Regulation to the Railway, jurisdiction remaining as at present with the British Government;

or

(*b*) The restoration of jurisdiction on these lands to the Mysore State, in which case the Mines Regulation being already in force in the Kolar District, would, it is presumed, by its own vigour, extend to the Railway.

To the former course there are doubtless objections of a technical character, which, though not insuperable, we do not consider it necessary to discuss, preferring to confine our further observations to the question of a change in jurisdiction. By the aid of such information as is available to the public, we have carefully studied the whole problem, and fail to see what possible advantage can be derived from a continuance of the present police arrangements.

7. We are given to understand that the policy of the British Government is to assert their right to police all through and main lines of railway, a proposition the soundness of which is indisputable. But the Kolar Gold Field Railway is in no sense a railway thoroughfare; it leads only to the Gold Field, being almost exclusively concerned with its business, and the large population it supports. The exceptional character of the Railway is that it feeds a particular industry, which, as has been admitted, requires special protection. The claim for such protection appears consequently to be strong, and we have the less hesitation in pressing for its acceptance, because there are, we understand, two existing precedents in the Mysore State, where in considerably longer branch lines the Mysore Government has retained its jurisdiction, the consideration governing the decision in both these cases being that the branches in question are, as is the Kolar Gold Field Railway, purely local and not through lines.

8. We note that you quote some portions of a letter received by you from the Residency, supporting the maintenance of existing conditions; one of these is to the effect that, the main Madras line being only a few miles distant from the Field, a change would not materially impede the operations of gold thieves, as they would not be compelled to use the branch line. The answer to this objection is, that with the road to Bowringpet efficiently patrolled and the Kolar Gold Field Railway policed by the Gold Field, such offenders would find it less easy than at present to make good their escape.

9. The main difficulty felt by the Honble. the Resident appears however to centre in the suggestion that the maintenance of British jurisdiction on the Mines Railway is desirable, because were the Mines Regulation to become operative on their branch, *the provision for arbitrary search* would impose *upon the public a restriction on personal and private liberty which would not be tolerable.* It must be conceded, that, if this could be upheld, our representation would not merit further discussion. Fortunately, the information available enables us to assert with confidence that there is nothing whatever, whether in the records of the past, or a reasonable estimate of future proceedings, which affords, or is likely to afford, grounds for this unfavourable anticipation. As to the probability of "*arbitrary*" search, we invite your attention to Section 40 of the Mines Regulation, which clearly provides that searches made for the purposes of the Regulation shall be governed by the Mysore Code of Criminal Procedure, that is to say, by a law which is practically the same as the law in force all over British India. It is no doubt true that the Regulation very rightly empowers the police to search for illicit possession of gold and mining materials; but the search must be made on reasonable grounds, and in a reasonable way. Moreover, the only people likely to be affected by such search would be those leaving the Goldfield, who are already liable to search on the mining area just outside the railway limits. Were the police to embark upon such oppressive and illegal measures as "*arbitrary*" searches, it is certain that their undesirable activities would speedily come under the controlling power of the Mysore judicial authorities close at hand, or of the Chief Court of Mysore which sits in the neighbouring City of Bangalore, and could be moved to take effective action at very short notice. We submit therefore that conditions will not in any sense be favourable for systematic or uncontrolled severity towards the public arising out of the working of this special law on the short Branch.

10. The most gratifying testimony to the smooth and satisfactory operation of the Mines Regulation on the Fields is afforded by the Mysore Government orders on this subject, from which we quote the following:--

Proceedings, dated 8th October, 1908.

" Government note with satisfaction the assurance of the District Magistrate
" that the Regulation while protecting the Gold industry is being
" worked smoothly without causing any hardships to the law abiding
" population of the Gold Fields area."

Proceedings, dated 1st April, 1910.

" The provisions of the Regulation appear to have worked on the whole with
" ease and without hardship to the law abiding and peaceful subjects
" residing in the area."

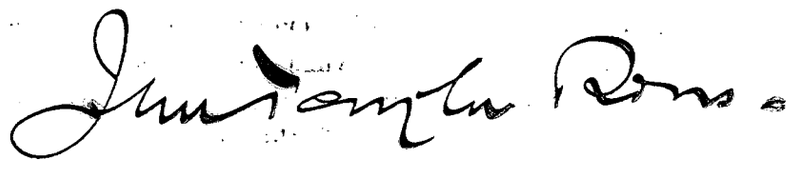
11. The application of the Regulation to the Railway Line would, we are advised, in no way resemble experimental legislation in novel surroundings, but merely extend a local enactment, which is as well known to the honest and law

abiding people in the whole of that neighbourhood, as it is to the dishonestly minded. These considerations were doubtless present to the mind of the Inspector-General of Police, Mysore, when in reporting on the working of the Mines Regulation on the Field, he wrote as follows:—(Paragraph 3, letter 5134, dated 7th February, 1908): "As regards the extension of the Mines Regulation to the Railway "premises, I have already given my opinion in former communications to Govern-"ment. The only practical and sound solution of this difficulty lies in the handing "over of the Gold Fields Branch Railway to the jurisdiction of the Mysore "Government, as is the case in the Bangalore-Mysore and Birur-Shimoga sections. "I can see no valid objection whatever to this proposal, as the Branch Railway to "the Mines is entirely the property of the Mysore Government, and in no way "interferes with the through lines to Harihar and Hindupur, which naturally the "Government of India desire to have full control over."

12. In conclusion we submit that there is a serious defect in the existing law and police arrangements on the Kolar Branch Railway, and that we are entitled to press for redress. We have done our best to suggest remedies, of which we, for our part, infinitely prefer the more comprehensive one mentioned in paragraph 6 of this letter—namely, the restoration to His Highness the Maharaja of jurisdiction over his own Branch Railway. The Directors of the various Mining Companies interested, and we ourselves as the responsible Managers, trust that the Mysore Government and the Resident will now see some way to help us effectively. Our interests in a business of this kind are identical with those of the Durbar; and we have no object in view except that of checking crime and illicit practices causing, and likely to cause, serious loss to the mining industry on the Gold Field. Upon that object much money and labour have, as you are aware, already been expended both by the Mysore Durbar and by the Mining Companies we represent. We feel sure that we shall not appeal in vain to that spirit of enlightened progress which animates the conduct of His Highness's Government.

We are, SIR,

Your obedient Servants,



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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
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15th. March, 1912.

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From Messrs.John Taylor & Sons,
London.

To T.Ananda Row Esq., B.A., C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore,
angalore.

Sir,

We have the honor to enclose six further prints of our letter to you under date of the 7th.March last in regard to the Mysore Mines Regulation of 1906 being applied to the Kolar Gold Field Railway.

We are, Sir,
Your obedient Servants,

John Taylor & Sons.

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To

he First Assistant to the Hon'ble

the Resident in Mysore.

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I am directed to invite refer

ence to para 4 of your office letter No.

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4. The Chief Supervisor of these watchmen has, however, been invested by the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, under the authority of Government, with the powers of a Station House Officer, so as to enable him, in cases of emergency, to arrest and search persons in the employ of the companies but it is distinctly understood that these powers are only to be exercised by him in urgent

cases of offences regarding mining material where time would be lost in calling in the regular Police and where the delay would probably result in the escape of an offender. All further investigation and proceedings before the Court in cases detected by the watch establishment are conducted by the Regular Police. In the general management of this force and in all matters of importance connected with the discharge of its police functions, the Police Superintendent is regularly consulted and his advice invariably acted upon under the general supervision of the Deputy Commissioner. Except this watch establishment there is no other special police force maintained by the Mining Board. There is therefore n dual police control in the mines.

5. In this connection I am to state that Messrs. John Taylor & Sons on behalf of the Mining Companies working on the Fields, have again addressed the Durbar on the subject under discussion. A co of the letter is appended to this for

information of the Hon'ble the Resi-

dent.

I have &c.,

Offg. Secretary to Government,

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FROM

P. B. WARBURTON, ESQ., I. C. S.,
FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Dewan of Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 21st June *1912.*

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of Mr. Srinivasaiengar's letter No. 985 Pol., dated the 23rd May 1912, regarding the extension of the Mysore Mines Regulation to the railway premises between Bowringpet and Marikuppam on the Kolar Gold Fields Railway Line.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

P B Warburton

First Assistant Resident.

R. O. 2.—R. P. B.—8-1911.—3,000.